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Applicant : Elliott D. Light
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Title : *System And Method For Storage And Retrieval Of Information
Subject To Authorization By A Data Controller*
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Examiner : James H. ZURITA

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Sir:

Applicant has the following comments on the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, as set forth in the Notice of Allowability dated July 1, 2009.

In the Statement of Reasons for Allowance, the Examiner referred to different portions of some of the allowed claims. Applicant respectfully submits that it is the overall combination recited in each claim that properly should be considered with respect to patentability, rather than selecting one or more particular elements. Moreover, some of the allowed claims are apparatus claims, and some are method claims, but the Examiner has cited method language from the allowed claims. Applicant respectfully submits that each claim's particular recitation, rather than the paraphrasing that the Examiner's citations constitute, properly should be considered respect to patentability.

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Finally, the Examiner has cited art which was not of record during prosecution of the subject application. Applicant does not necessarily agree with the Examiner's characterization of that art, nor does Applicant necessarily that the new citations even constitute prior art.

Respectfully submitted,
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